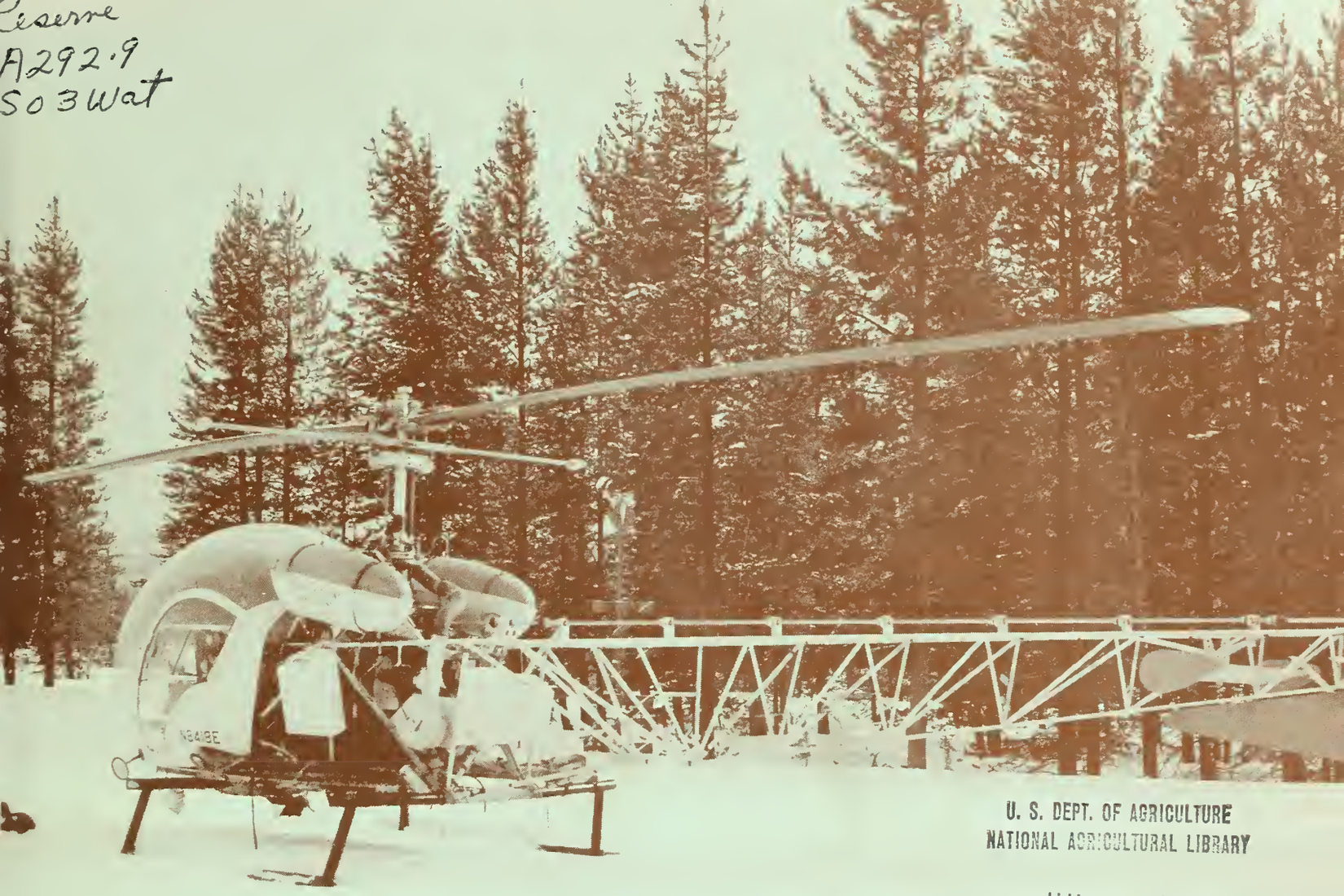

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
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IDAHO

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and
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To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Soil Conservation Service, 511 N.W. Broadway - Room 507, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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REPORTS	ISSUED	LOCATION	COOPERATING WITH
RIVER BASINS			
Western United States	Monthly (Feb.-May)	Portland, Oregon	All Cooperators
Basic Data Summary	October 1	Portland, Oregon	All Cooperators
STATES			
Alaska	Monthly (Mar.-May)	Palmer, Alaska	Alaska S.C.D.
Arizona	Semi-Monthly (Jan. 15 - Apr. 1)	Phoenix, Arizona	Salt R. Valley Water Users Assoc. Ariz. Agr. Exp. Station
Colorado and New Mexico	Monthly (Feb.-May)	Fort Collins, Colorado	Colo. State University Colo. State Engineer N. Mex. State Engineer
Idaho	Monthly (Jan.-June)	Boise, Idaho	Idaho State Reclamation Engineer
Montana	Monthly (Jan.-June)	Bozeman, Montana	Mont. Agr. Exp. Station
Nevada	Monthly (Jan.-May)	Reno, Nevada	Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Water Resources
Oregon	Monthly (Jan.-June)	Portland, Oregon	Oreg. State University Oregon State Engineer
Utah	Monthly (Jan.-June)	Salt Lake City, Utah	Utah State Engineer
Washington	Monthly (Feb.-June)	Spokane, Washington	Wn. State Dept. of Conservation
Wyoming	Monthly (Feb.-June)	Casper, Wyoming	Wyoming State Engineer

PUBLISHED BY OTHER AGENCIES

REPORTS	ISSUED	AGENCY
British Columbia	Monthly (Feb.-June)	Water Resources Service, Dept. of Lands, Forest and Water Resources, Parliament Bldg., Victoria, B.C., Canada
California	Monthly (Feb.-May)	Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, P.O. Box 388, Sacramento, Calif.

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JUNE 1, 1965 SNOW SURVEYS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MEASUREMENTS

Snow surveys made near the first of June indicate an even, delayed snow melt has occurred for the 1965 season. The delayed snow melt, characterized by warm days and cool nights, resulted in some rivers or streams flowing at flood stage for several weeks up through the first of June. Peak flows on many rivers, such as the main stem of the Snake River, the Big Lost, Big Wood and Boise Rivers, apparently are going to occur in the month of June as all of these rivers were continuing to rise near the end of May. The high elevation snow courses throughout the southern half of the state still have an unusually heavy snow pack.

The extremely heavy volumes of water forecast for many rivers is apparently developing, with estimates of flow indicating that forecast errors will average between 3% and 10%.

The supplemental measurements carried in this report are to complete the files of those using the data.

SNOW

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
NAME	NO.	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR	WATER CONTENT (Inches) AVERAGE [b]
JUNE 1, 1965 MEASUREMENTS							
Benton Spring	16A3	4900	6/1	0	0.0	--	--
Big Creek Summit	15E2	6608	6/4	42	22.2	18.9	--
Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	5/28	21	10.9	3.2	--
Coolwater Mountain	15C7	6200	5/29	22	12.1	29.5	--
Crater Meadows	15C9	6100	5/27	63	39.8	48.4	--
Darby Canyon (A)	10F21	8250	5/27	32	16.1	--	--
Elk Butte	16C15	5550	5/27	T	T	28.0	--
Galena Summit	14F12	8795	6/6	50	27.1	14.7	--
Goat Lake	14C9	6600	5/27	94	48.9	48.2	--
Granite Peak	15B13	6000	5/27	71	36.6	42.0	--
Hemlock Butte	15C6	5500	5/27	71	37.1	57.6	--
Lookout	15B2	5250	5/28	30	14.8	28.4	--
Lost Lake	15B14	6000	5/27	112	59.4	69.0	--
Medicine Ridge	15B4	6150	5/27	78	40.6	43.6	--
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	6/3	35	18.0	8.8	--
Orogrande Mountain	15D4	7800	5/29	110	58.1	46.6	--
Schweitzer Bowl	16A6	4500	5/28	0	0.0	--	--
Schweitzer Ridge	16A5	6100	5/28	78	39.3	--	--
Teton Pass	10F13	8500	5/26	68	34.2	--	--
Trinity Mountain	15F5	7400	6/2	83	49.4	--	--
SUPPLEMENTAL MEASUREMENTS							
DECEMBER 1, 1964							
Boulder Creek	16D1	5500	11/30	20	4.6	4.3	--
Crumarine Creek	16C6	3500	11/28	8	1.2	0.0	--
East Twin	16C3	4000	11/28	10	1.7	T	--
Howard Creek	16C5	3500	11/28	6	1.0	0.0	--
Moscow Mountain	16C2	4800	11/28	14	2.1	2.1	--
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	11/27	5	0.9	0.0	--
West Twin	16C4	4200	11/28	9	1.5	0.0	--
DECEMBER 15, 1964							
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	12/15	21	4.2	3.6	--
JANUARY 15, 1965							
Above Greer	16C11	1240	1/15	8	2.2	T	--
Atlanta Summit (A)	15F4	7500	1/13	113	40.7	14.5	--
Bad Bear	15F2	5500	1/15	42	13.4	6.6	--
Greer Summit	16C13	3000	1/15	10	2.6	1.6	--
Midway	16C12	2200	1/15	8	1.9	T	--
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	1/15	80	28.8	14.2	--
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	1/18	84	29.4	8.2	--
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	1/15	31	8.6	--	--
Trinity Mountain (A)	15F5	7400	1/13	115	41.4	14.8	--

*(b) 1948-62, 15 year period. # Not located directly on this drainage. * Estimated 1948-62, 15 year Average. (A) Aerial observation: Water content estimated.*

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NAME	NO.	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR	AVERAGE [b]
FEBRUARY 1, 1965							
Dry Basin (A)	11G14	7900	2/7	104	37.8	16.0	--
Horseshoe Basin (A)	11G15	8000	2/7	85	30.9	14.0	--
Liberty Spring (A)	11G13	8600	2/7	120	46.8	19.4	--
Road Creek	15F3	5400	2/7	39	13.0	8.4	7.8*
FEBRUARY 15, 1965							
Atlanta Summit (A)	15F4	7500	2/17	121	48.4	22.6	--
Bad Bear	15F2	5500	2/15	65	20.3	11.8	--
Boulder Creek	16D1	5500	2/16	89	30.8	--	--
Brundage Mountain	16D6	7700	2/17	149	60.3	--	--
Galena	14F1	7500	2/17	82	30.4	13.8	--
Galena Summit	14F12	8795	2/17	94	34.7	16.8	--
Graham Ranch	14F5	6200	2/16	60	21.0	--	--
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	2/15	114	40.9	22.6	--
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	2/16	86	32.2	13.9	--
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	2/15	43	13.3	11.3	--
Prairie	15F6	5600	2/14	21	3.8	--	--
Road Creek (A)	15F3	5400	2/17	37	13.0	--	--
Trinity Mountain (A)	15F5	7400	2/17	140	56.0	24.4	--
MARCH 15, 1965							
Atlanta Summit (A)	15F4	7500	3/15	115	48.0	35.2	--
Bad Bear	15F2	5500	3/15	50	20.3	17.1	--
Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	3/16	76	29.5	20.9	--
Bogus Basin Road	16F4	5360	3/16	3	1.6	11.1	--
Fourth of July Summit	16B3	3100	3/15	25	9.1	17.1	--
Galena	14F1	7300	3/15	77	31.8	18.4	--
Galena Summit	14F12	8795	3/15	93	38.8	22.2	--
Lookout	15B2	5250	3/13	105	41.0	40.4	36.5
Lookout	15B2	5250	3/15	100	37.8	40.4	36.5
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	3/15	104	43.4	30.9	--
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	3/16	83	32.6	16.4	--
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	3/15	34	12.4	17.4	--
Prairie	15F6	5600	3/15	T	T	7.7	--
Road Creek (A)	15F3	5400	3/15	36	13.3	--	--
Sherwin	16C1	3200	3/13	49	16.0	22.2	--
Trinity Mountain (A)	15F5	7400	3/15	139	66.7	35.5	--
APRIL 15, 1965							
Atlanta Summit (A)	15F4	7500	4/12	128	50.3	34.6	--
Atlanta Summit	15F4	7500	4/14	126	53.1	34.6	--
Big Springs	11E9	6500	4/15	63	28.4	19.8	--
Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	4/14	78	31.8	22.3	--
Couch Summit (A)	14F10	6950	4/18	64	26.1	16.0	--
Galena	14F1	7300	4/14	74	31.9	15.8	--

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Galena Summit	14F12	8795	4/13	103	41.4	25.0	--	
Island Park	11E10	6315	4/15	49	20.8	13.1	--	
Lookout	15B2	5250	4/15	92	39.7	41.2	--	
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	4/16	106	46.0	30.8	--	
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	4/13	100	37.8	20.1	--	
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	4/15	21	8.5	13.1	--	
Road Creek (A)	15F3	5400	4/12	29	10.2	--	--	
Trinity Mountain (A)	15F5	7400	4/12	151	65.7	35.0	--	
Trinity Mountain	15F5	7400	4/14	145	67.4	35.0	--	
Valley View	11E8	6500	4/15	58	24.6	18.1	--	
MAY 1, 1965								
Porcupine (A)	14F14	8350	5/7	75	35.0	--	--	
Swede Peak (A)	13F9	7500	5/7	53	24.8	14.7	--	
MAY 15, 1965								
Atlanta Summit (A)	15F4	7500	5/14	95	47.1	33.4	--	
Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	5/14	43	20.6	18.7	--	
Buck Meadows (A)	15D5	5600	5/9	48	22.1	--	--	
Cherry Creek Pass (A)	13F13	8900	5/8	11	5.1	--	--	
Coolwater Mountain	15C7	6200	5/9	68	30.5	47.4	--	
Copper Basin (A)	13F2	8000	5/8	35	16.3	--	--	
Crater Meadows	15C9	6100	5/8	98	54.8	--	--	
Deadwood Summit (A)	15E4	7000	5/14	108	53.6	--	--	
Elk Butte	16C15	5550	5/8	63	31.6	--	--	
Fish Lake Airstrip	15C2	5000	5/9	83	41.6	54.4	--	
Forty-nine Meadows	15B3	5000	5/8	41	20.2	--	--	
Galena	14F1	7300	5/14	42	21.2	7.2	--	
Galena Summit	14F12	8795	5/14	84	40.8	23.8	--	
Goat Lake	14C9	6600	5/9	117	59.0	--	--	
Granite Peak	15B13	6000	5/8	103	52.4	--	--	
Greenfield Flat (A)	16E7	7370	5/14	108	53.6	--	--	
Hemlock Butte	15C6	5500	5/8	117	59.7	--	--	
Jackson Peak (A)	15E9	7000	5/14	87	43.2	--	--	
Little Beaver	11G20	6970	5/13	T	T	--	--	
Lookout	15B2	5250	5/13	56	26.4	40.0	--	
Lost Lake	15B14	6000	5/8	138	70.9	--	--	
Lost-Wood Divide (A)	14F3	8750	5/8	69	32.2	--	--	
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	5/14	72	35.7	24.2	--	
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	5/12	85	37.9	--	--	
Mountain Meadows	15D6	6300	5/9	68	31.2	--	--	
North Fork Meadow (A)	14F15	8150	5/8	32	14.9	--	--	
Orogrande Mountain	15D4	7800	5/9	131	61.7	53.2	--	
Pierce Rgr. Sta.	15C5	3170	5/15	0	0.0	--	--	
Shanghai Summit	15C4	4600	5/8	49	23.3	--	--	
Slickrock (A)	13F14	8640	5/8	94	43.9	--	--	
Stickney Mill (A)	14F2	7500	5/8	27	12.6	--	--	
Teton Pass	10F13	8500	5/12	87	42.2	--	--	
Trinity Mountain (A)	15F5	7400	5/14	105	52.1	41.6	--	

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Agencies Assisting with Snow Surveys, etc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, British Columbia
Department of Resources and Development, Water Resources Division

States:

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State of Idaho Department of Fish and Game
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